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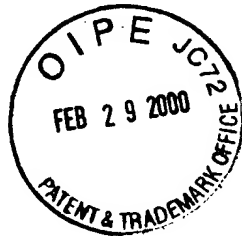
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-96546, published March 27, 1992.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-27812, published January 28, 1997.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-338905, published December 6, 1994.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-276943, published October 2, 1992.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) of fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated January 25, 2000 with an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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